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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Dissemination and Prioritization:
Factors for Comparison

1. This memorandum is in response to your request of 28 August 1974, that I review and suggest "...additional elements, ideas for comparison..." in the National/Tactical Intelligence Interface Study.

2. One element appears to me to be of importance for comparative analysis and that's timeliness of information. Rapid transmission of information to both higher and lower echelons is of utmost urgency in pre-crises situations. Procedures must be established to ensure that information received by all echelons is current in order that it may serve a useful purpose. We must consider whether intelligence is timely, particularly to subordinate units, because of the rapidity of change of the intelligence environment. This, of course, means that intelligence information should be placed in the hands of the consumer in time to permit evaluation and interpretation, formulation of plans, and initiation of action under the existing situation. This involves the problem of dissemination to lower and adjacent units, to higher headquarters, and within the reporting headquarters. Dissemination to lower and adjacent units is usually the more difficult and more critical task.

3. Major Requirements. Efficient dissemination has three major requirements:

- a. to get the information to the agencies and individuals who need it;
- b. to get it to them promptly; and,
- c. to get it to them in usable form.

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4. Comparative Factors:

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Capabilities</u>
a. Means of Delivery:	a. Means of Delivery:
(1) Wire	(1) Wire
(2) Radio	(2) Radio
(3) Courier	(3) Courier
(4) Messenger	(4) Messenger
(5) Liaison Officer	(5) Liaison Officer
(6) Facsimile	(6) Facsimile
(7) Television	(7) Television
(8) Mail	(8) Mail
b. Type of Format:	b. Type of Format:
(1) <u>Written</u>	(1) <u>Written</u>
(a) Intelligence summaries (INTSUM)	(a) Same
(b) Intelligence annexes (plans)	(b) Same
(c) Intelligence estimates	(c) Same
(d) Technical intelligence bulletins & summaries	(d) Same
(e) Dispatches	(e) Same
(f) Letters	(f) Same
(g) Studies (weather, terrain, area, etc.)	(g) Same
(h) Order of battle books & pamphlets	(h) Same
(i) Intelligence coverage in operation plans and orders	(i) Same
(j) Spot reports	(j) Same
(k) Periodic intelligence reports	(k) Same
(l) Prisoner-of-war interrogation reports	(l) Same
(m) Imagery interpretation reports	(m) Same
(n) Special reports	(n) Same

(2) <u>Graphic</u>	(2) <u>Graphic</u>
(a) Situation maps, overlays, photos	(a) Same
(b) Air target material	(b) Same
(c) Motion pictures	(c) Same
(d) Posters	(d) Same
(e) Weather reports, forecasts, maps	(e) Same
(f) Slides	(f) Same
(3) <u>Oral</u>	(3) <u>Oral</u>
(a) Briefings	(a) Same
(b) Conferences	(b) Same
(c) Secure telephone	(c) Same
(d) Secure radio	(d) Same
(e) Secure closed-circuit TV	(e) Same

5. In addition to the above, I would suggest we compare priorities given to essential elements of information (EEI) by [redacted] with those of the National Intelligence Program assets [redacted]

6. The more specific we can be in identifying various factors for comparison the better. Hope this helps.

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